

## CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

### SENATE

#### **H.R. 2765 - District of Columbia Appropriations Act--Agreement:**

*A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10:30 a.m., on Wednesday, September 24, 2003, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2765, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.*

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#### **H.R. 2691 - Interior Department Appropriations:**

*Senate passed H.R. 2691, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:*

*Pages S 11780-81, S 11784-S 11826, D 1025-7*

#### **Rejected:**

*Boxer Amendment No. 1753, to strike section 333 relating to a special judicial appeals process for cases involving timber harvesting in the Tongass National Forest. (By 52 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 359), Senate tabled the amendment.)*

*Pages S 11784-88, S 11805-06, D 1026*

*"...The amendment I offer today is to strike section 333 from the Interior appropriations bill. Essentially, section 333 is an anti-environmental rider which would impose a 30-day statute of limitations for the public to seek judicial review of certain Forest Service timber sales in the Tongass National Forest in Alaska. In other words, it is putting on very tough time constraints for the public to follow if they have a problem with timber sales in the Tongass.[ ] The other thing the amendment does is it interferes with the ability of the Federal district court to manage its docket because that section also puts a deadline on the court. So it not only puts a deadline on the people in terms of their inability to study timber sales, it says to a judge who may have a very busy docket that he or she has to act on this case in 180 days..."*  
*(Boxer pages S 11784-8)*

*By 44 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 361), Reid Amendment No. 1731, to prohibit the use of funds for initiating any new **competitive sourcing** studies.*

*Pages S 11780, S 11788-S 11804, S 11807-08,  
D 1026*

#### **Nominations Confirmed:**

#### **Senate confirmed the following nomination:**

*By unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 357), Kim R. Gibson, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania.*

*Pages S 11781-82, D 1027*

### Nominations Received:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Senate received the following nominations:**

\_\_\_\_\_ *Judith C. Herrera, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico, vice James A. Parker, retired (senior status).*

*Louis Guirola Jr., of Mississippi, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi, vice Walter J. Gex III, retiring (senior status).*

*David L. Huber, of Kentucky, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky for the term of four years.*

*Pages S 11874-75, D 1027*

### Committee Meetings:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Committee on Governmental Affairs:** Committee concluded a closed hearing to examine certain issues relative to combatting terrorist financing.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Special Committee on Aging:** Committee concluded a hearing to examine the implementation of the Office of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) *medical privacy and transaction rules, focusing on patient consent, notice of privacy practices, The Health Privacy Project, and regulatory implementation repercussions.*

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### Remarks:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Confirmation of Glen Edward Conrad.**

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**Confirmation of Henry Franklin Floyd.**

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### Reports Filed:

**Reports were filed as follows:**

*Conference report on H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, (H. Rept. 108-280);*

*H. Res 374, waiving points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, (H. Rept. 108-281);*

*Pages H 8425-58, H 8490, D 1030*

### H.R. 1588 - National Defense Authorization Act--Motion to Instruct Conferees:

*The House agreed to the Rodriguez motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 1588, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 by a yeas and nays vote of 298 yeas to 118 nays, Roll No. 511. The motion was also considered on September 17.*

*Pages H 8466, D 1031*

**H.R. 1588 - National Defense Authorization Act--Motion to Instruct Conferees (cont.):**

Later Representative Crowley announced his intention to *offer a motion to instruct conferees* on the bill.

*Pages H8468, D 1031*

**Amendments:**

Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H 8491-92.

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**Committee Meetings:**

**Committee on Government Reform:** Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census held a hearing entitled "*Achieving 3-Government Efficiencies at the Office of Personnel Management.*"

**Committee on the Judiciary:** Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection of the Committee on Energy and Commerce held a joint oversight hearing on *the Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act of 2003*.

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**Committee on Rules:** Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany **H.R. 2555**, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

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**Committee Meetings for Wednesday, September 24, 2003:**

**Committee on Small Business - Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs and the Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports:** @ 10:30 a.m. Joint hearing on Federal Prison Industry's Effects on the U.S. Economy and the Small Business Environment. 2360 Rayburn.

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**Remarks:**

Honoring Judge A. Jay Cristol. [U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of Florida.]

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**Next SENATE MEETING: 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 24, 2003.**

**Next HOUSE MEETING: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 24, 2003.**

**OLA: A. Getter-Santos**